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ONWARD? TO WHERE?

Walsh Supports Gays!

Many people have seen Coalition as a threat to be stopped at all costs. While members and candidates of the Union of the American People (UAP) totally agree, we are unwilling to see Coalition replaced with a cheap imitation. Unfortunately, recent events have shown that the so-called "ONWARD" party is little more than a collection of expedient individuals for whom the elections are the end. This element of resume stuffers do not seem to mean what they say, say what they mean, or even know what they believe. J. Rivers Walsh, the candidate of the ONWARD bunch has attempted to be all things to all people. Even as vague and meaningless as the ONWARD platform is, Walsh has managed to contradict it. (That is a feat we would have guessed impossible!) Let us look at the facts.

The great Walsh catch-all is borrowed from the UAP, i.e.-the interests of the majority student.Since that is rather a catchy phrase, we do not begrudge the ONWARD crowd using it (no copyright), particularly since we lifted it from Wilmot Robertson's Dispossessed Majority. But Walsh states that ONWARD will let all student organizations apply for funding just as the rules provide(as if ONWARD could stop them). He then states that controversial groups such as the Committee On Gay Education will be funded on one criterion: Do they represent the Majority of Students or the Majority student? Naturally, conservatives nod their heads and walk away, knowing that the CGE and other such groups do not represent the Majority student. But, alas, is this what ole slimey Jay means? NO. In a phone conversation, Walsh stated on April 6, 1974:

> Onward will work with the gays to remove oppression...
> We will fund them like we will fund any other group...
> We must show patience with them...

Are the so-called "gays" oppressed? Certainly they have not been by the present SGA Coalition regime which has never seen fit to turn down a single homosexual request! Students might be amused to know that the UAP has come up with yet another gay allocation...$20 for "an entry fee for the Campus Sing. This event would provide the Committee with a forum for presenting a positive view of gay life and help educate straight people." Naturally this was approved by Coalition and Letzch. Presumably Walsh sees this as oppression because they did not receive more than they requested.

What about Southern Culture and Dixie? Walsh answered any questions about this on April 8th while speaking before students at Russell Hall. "I will not fund it (numerous campus groups) waving a Confederate flag, harrassing minorities, and whistling "Dixie"." From this regional slur, Walsh expanded later that evening that "...constantly bringing up gays, Dixie and blacks serves no positive purpose." He may be right. Certainly "constantly bringing up" issues which a fence-sitting candidate doesn't what to let out doesn't serve his purposes.

Well, now that blacks have been brought up, what does ole Jay say? At Russell Hall, Walsh cited the BSU as a "special interest group" (another UAP word) that received too much money. Walsh said "Blacks comprise about 0.6% of the University students." Now the ONWARD platform, for those of you who might trouble to read it in times of insomnia, reads: "We also pledge appropriate funding of organizations(such as...the Black Student Union...which represent the needs of large groups of students." Harry Wingfield, stand-in flunky for Walsh at a Black Forum on April 10th, whined to the Blacks that Onward wanted to help build a Black Cultural center. Wingfield stated Walsh had personally directed him there to dangle

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this mini-bribe before the BSU. If there were any who disagreed with his statement, which Wingfield described as representing "99% of ONWARD", he would "tell them off." So where does ONWARD and Walsh stand on funding of Black groups? We don't know, and we are beginning to wonder if they do.

Why do we attack ONWARD? Frankly we have nothing against Walsh and company personally. They seem to be basically decent folks just caught with the overpowering desire to be elected. However, the whole ONWARD solution to problems seems to be to take other people's ideas, divide them in half, and you have a "practical, progressive solution." Thus, while Coalition might promise a special interest group money by the bushel, "practical, progressive" Walsh offers it by the peck. To our way of thinking, groups like the BSU, Committee on Gay Education, and other radical fronts which have gouged the students this past year do not deserve a dime more. It is regrettable that the UAP expose of student government expenditures was used by Walsh to attack Coalition without really offering the students a clear promise of change. Walsh even told reporters from the People's Observer he was not opposed to the "Gay Crises Line" as long as it was not a dating service! The reservations about a dating service came after he was pressed as to his support if it were shown to be such.

What about ONWARD? We cannot advise any one who wants a change in the present form of government to vote for them. The same allocations for BSU fiscal madness (see issue 2 of P.O.), homosexual dances, expensive junkets about the state, and all the abuses of Coalition will probably continue. Only the faces behind the beard will change. Even worse, the tarred name of Coalition will be removed, and an aura of undeserved respectability added to these groups.

THE ONLY TRUE OPPOSITION TO COALITION IS THE UAP.
Vote for McEachern, Roddy, and Kent on April 17th!

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HOMO DATING SERVICE EXPOSED!

In Issue number 2 of the People's Observer, we charged that the so-called "Gay Crisis Line" was nothing but a dating service. A McGovernite friend of ours was outraged and asked us to prove it. With his co-operation we called the Dating service to get our money's worth---after all, Coalition did vote $156.90 to set it up, as well as $13.95 per month. Our friend called March 31st and spoke to "Walker" of the CGE. Walker informed our friend that one of the purposes of the Gay Ed Comm. was to make the public accept 'two men walking down the street arm-in-arm.' He also informed him to come out of the closet and meet the rest of the boys down at "The Last Resort" (a dive on Clayton St.) each Monday night. As the UAP had asserted, the Gay Crisis Line only encourages homosexuals to think of themselves as normal, instead of seeking help to correct their problems. This makes as much sense as running a suicide crisis that distributed poisons, pistols, and ropes. Our McGovernite was much shaken. The Hon. J. Rivers Walsh informed the PO that Ron Kilgore of CGE assured him the "Gay Crisis Line" was not a dating service. Need we say more?

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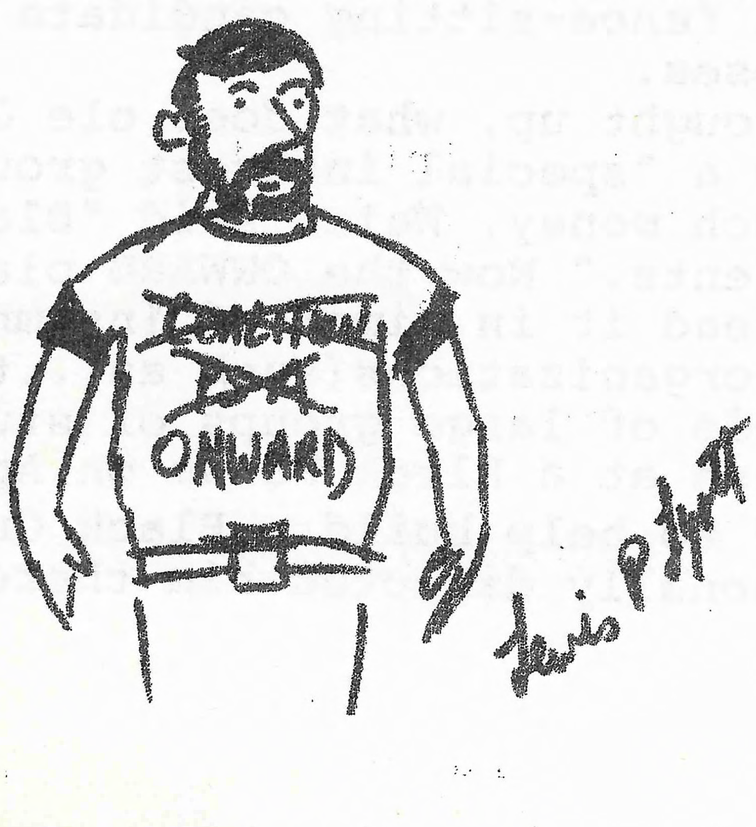
Better Late Than Never Dept.

Steve Letzch, our treasurer of the student body is getting out of student government. Contary to popular impression, he is not going to join the watergaters in jail for his illegal allocations nor is he going to a rest home on social security and SGA pension. Letzch is actually graduating! Nevertheless, as one of Letzch's parting jokes on the Student Body, he has given his crony Buck Pennington $150 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the actually defunct Phi Kappa Society. A Dr. Burg has been invited down, and equiptment was rented and refreshments purchased for the total cost. Now, the UAP doesn't dispute the right of any organization to celebrate their 150th anniversary. However, Phi Kappa enjoyed its' 150th in 1970. At that time John Zimmerman, president, requested money from the SGA and was denied. Now, four years later, Letzch comes through! Time and tide wait for no man. Steve Letzch will!



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